

NUMBER IV.

A Memorial to Congress for the Establishment of a Military Post near the Head of Red River.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled: The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents:

Memorial for the establishment of a military post

That the establishment of a Military Post at "Graham's Point," near the mouth of the Sioux Wood river, is immediately necessary for the protection of that portion of our Northwestern frontier, and your Memorialists respectfully submit that said point on Red river is on the most direct route from the head of navigation on the Mississippi, to our settlements near the British Line, at Pembina, and is situated in the heart of a large extent of fertile country, which would immediately be settled up along that route, if protection were afforded from the warlike tribes of savages who are constantly fighting across it. Emigration has, during the past year, stretched out from the Mississippi, forty-five miles up the valley of Sauk river, and if a Fort were established at the point alluded to, the settlements would, the coming summer, reach beyond it, and down the valley of the Red river of the North.

CHARLES GARDNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—March first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.
W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original Memorial on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSEB,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

NUMBER V.

A Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory to the Congress of the United States.

Appropriation for Territorial Road

The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents—that the Government road from Wabashaw to Mendota, is so laid out and constructed as to be at its nearest point not more than six miles from Saint Paul, which is the commercial centre of the Territory—that the convenience of a large population requires the continuance of said road from the nearest point of intersection to St. Paul. Your memorialists therefore pray your honorable Body to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for that object—the said sum being sufficient to erect an embankment across the bottom land on the west side of the Mississippi river opposite St. Paul, as well as to construct the remainder of the road to the point of intersection aforesaid.